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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.55(e)

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Sir:

Acceptance of the unintentionally delayed claim for priority, made in the attached Declaration and Application Data Sheet, is respectfully requested. The entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(1) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee and/or any other fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.182 TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF ATTACHED PETITION

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Sir:

This petition is to expedite the processing of the attached Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Foreign Priority Claim Under 37 C.F.R. §1.55(c). Applicants are respectfully requesting the expeditious processing of this Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Foreign Priority Claim because the Issue Fee of the above-referenced application is due 14 December 2004. Consequently, Applicants would like to receive a decision on the Foreign Priority Claim Petition prior to paying this fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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